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The enclosed Exhibit 1 entitled Document Table lists six document codes D1-D6,

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1449 or on the PTO form 1449 filed with the initial Information Disclosure Statement. To the

extent a U.S. equivalent publication is available, it is identified in the third column of the

Table. No translations are provided for these. For the other documents, a translation of

relevant pages is included in Exhibit 2, corresponding to each of the translation ID's S1-S15.

Finally, Exhibit 3 is an English language summary of arguments in support of patentability of

the claims published in the International Application and the claims filed upon entry into the

US National Phase as amended for clarity per the Preliminary Amendment.

The listed documents arose in the course of prosecution of the corresponding priority

application in Finland. In the Finnish Search Report, documents D1-D5 were listed in

Category "Y". During prosecution document D6 was cited by a third party.

Applicant requests that the examiner assigned to the subject application take into

account that the claims presented for examination in the U.S. differ from the claims against

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